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MUDA Site Scam

Governor gives permission to prosecute Chief Minister

Bengaluru, Aug. 17 (KMS& BCT)- In a major political and administrative development this morning, Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has granted permission to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) 50:50 site allotment scam.

The latest development indicates that the Congress Government is set for a standoff with the Governor. The Governor's move follows a petition filed on July 26 by social activist and advocate

Gehlot

Siddaramaiah

T.J. Abraham, who sought the Governor's sanction to prosecute CM Siddaramaiah in a case related to land allotted to Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi. The Governor issued a show-cause notice to Siddaramaiah on the same day (July 26). In rapid developments starting last night, the Governor's Office notified the Chief Minister's Office and the Chief Secretary of prosecution sanction.

Abraham is scheduled to meet Governor at 3 pm today. Sources said Governor will seek more documents over Abraham's case against former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, which alleges illegalities in a mining lease granted to Sri Sai Venkateshwara Minerals and a Rs. 150 crore bribe.

(See GOVERNOR on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-8 for Abracadabra titled ***"Musings on Police, Laws and Judiciary."*** **—Ed**

City doctors join nationwide strike

The city doctors today joined the nationwide strike called by Indian Medical Association (IMA), New Delhi, to protest against the alleged rape and murder of a lady trainee Doctor at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. OPD services are suspended from 6 am today to 6 am tomorrow. [See report on page 5]

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

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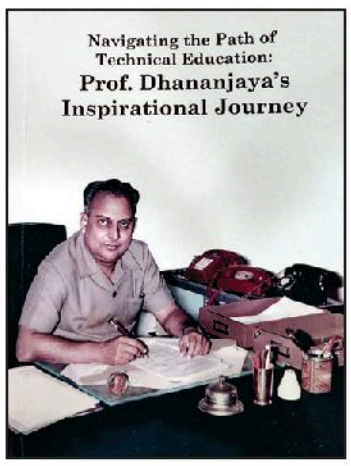
Suttur Seer to release book on Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya

Mysuru, Aug.17 - Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will release the book titled *"Navigating the Path of Technical Education - Prof. Dhananjaya's Inspirational Journey"* tomorrow (Aug. 18) at Navajyothi Auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, at 4 pm, as a tribute to late Prof. M.H. Dhananjaya.

Prof. Dhananjaya had served as the Principal of SJCE and later as Director (Technical) and Advisor of Technical Education Division at JSS Mahavidyapeetha for many years. He was the Founder-Chairman of Excelsoft Technologies Pvt. Ltd. and Excel Public School, Mysuru.

Prof. P. O. J. Lebba, former Member, BoG, Kerala Technological University, Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor,



Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, Dr. K. Balaveera Reddy, former VC, Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-chancellor of JSS AHER and D. Sudhanva, Chairman & Managing Director of Excelsoft, will be present on the occasion.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

BESTSELLERS BY MACHINE: ***As redundancy caused by Artificial Intelligence (AI) stares in the face of humanity, the first ones to go will be writers. They deserve this fate, along with their readers.***

Roald Dahl's short story, *The Great Automatic Grammatizator,* ***heralded the end of original writing 70 years ago. In it, books written by a machine became a roaring success even if some were of poor quality and not 'respectable'. In the real world, success is all the respect that one needs. The one who wields the power of the pen is not the writer. The columns belong to celebrities and 'important people', with the pieces often written by 'ghostwriters' who are banished to a state of non-existence by the powerful. The bylines are fake, and as hollow as the angst the 'authors' claim to possess and display like their designer clothes.***

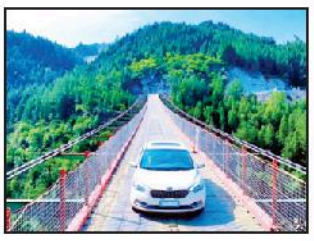
A visit to the bookstore would further confirm the demise of original writing. The writers 'are departed', and have 'left no addresses', to rephrase Eliot. Beneath fancy covers lie words that are cliched, the turns of phrase forced and insufficient to breathe life into dead prose. Even poetry as *vers libre* ***is a heap of broken sentences without rhythm or rhyme and indistinguishable from the mass of words littered in the literary purgatory. Plagiarists continue to thrive and, when caught, claim they were 'inspired', while editors reject great books that are sent to them.***

The final actors in this tragic drama are readers — essentially OTT devotees who sometimes pick up a book when they cannot watch their favourite show. They are decision-making gods who dip into gossipy tales to keep up, take a break, or turn pages without reading, like lip-syncing singers who hide behind smoke jets, flames and other special effects to remain undisclosed to their audience. It will be a nemesis of sorts for the world to lose its ability to create original writing since it has disrespected writers and artists for so long. Like everything beautiful, writing must die and be replaced by synthetic and perfect prose and poetry so well that few would notice the difference. In a utilitarian world, the purpose of writing is to inform and self-project, not awaken, reveal, or rouse. AI will take this vestigial aspect of writing out and make it fit for our times.

— Anupam Srivastava in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

This bridge may be the world's scariest

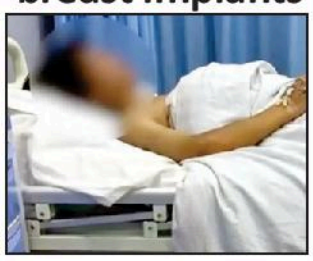


Chongqing: A suspension bridge stretching 150 metres over the Dadong River Gorge in Chongqing, China, has been dubbed the world's scariest suspension bridge because of how unsafe it looks.

For the past couple of years, clips of heavy construction vehicles traversing a narrow, flimsy-looking bridge suspended about 300 metres above a wide river gorge have constantly been going viral on social media leaving people wondering about its safety. Although it spans 240 metres, this terrifying wonder of engineering has no towers or base for support, relying only on four steel cables to support vehicles up to 45 tonnes in weight.

It's only wide enough for one vehicle to traverse, and despite featuring safety nets on each side, one wrong move can spell disaster. It's tricky enough to navigate in normal conditions, but imagine having to do so on a particularly windy day.

Youth tricked into getting breast implants



Wuhan: A beauty clinic in Wuhan is being accused of tricking a mentally-challenged 19-year-old youth into getting a boob job by claiming that he could then make money through live-streaming.

The 19-year-old young man, whose mother claims he has the mind of a 5-year-old boy, reportedly applied for a job at the unnamed beauty clinic, which provided a monthly salary of 3,000 yuan (400 dollars). However, after asking about potential job opportunities for men, he was told that he should first undergo a breast enlargement surgery and then begin working after he recovered. The youth took a loan of 30,000 yuan (4,000 dollars) and then another 7,000 yuan (980 dollars) over two years to pay for a surgery that ended up ruining his life.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Risk factor linked to male infertility are smoking, alcohol, using illicit drugs, being overweight, exposed to toxins, overheating the testicles, having experienced trauma to testicles.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant – Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Now, buy ticket to Palace on WhatsApp

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (BS)- Now onwards you can buy ticket to visit Mysore Palace on WhatsApp. What you have to do is just send a 'Hi' message on the social networking site, to a dedicated mobile number to avail the service.

According to a press release from the Office of Deputy Director, Mysore Palace Board, it is stated that, Electronic Delivery of Citizen Services (EDCS) of the State Government, has developed a WhatsApp ticketing software to provide the service through Mobile-One Project, for the ease of tourists and public, thus saving their time and energy spent on buying the ticket.

The service is available from Aug. 14 and to access the ticket, one should send a message either in Kannada or English, by typing 'Hi' to **Mob: 88841-60088** or by scanning the QR code available on the website *https://mysorepalace.karnataka.gov.in.*

The ticket will be valid for a period of five days from the date of purchase. The Palace will be open for viewing between 10 am and 5.30 pm, the release added.

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Today's Outflow **14,522 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **5,000 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,187 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***In Utah, the seagull is honoured as the State bird for allegedly saving pioneers' crops from a cricket infestation in the 19th century.***
- ***Seagulls are known to sleep both on land and water. When sleeping at sea, they float.***
- ***They can eat up to 20% of their body weight in one feeding session.***
- ***Seagulls are intelligent thieves. They have been known to exhibit problem-solving skills, such as dropping hard-shelled molluscs onto rocks to crack them open.***
- ***They have a preen gland near the base of their tail, the oil from which they use to waterproof their feathers.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Employer: *We need someone who is responsible for this job.*

Applicant: *I'm the one you want. In my last job, every time anything went wrong, they said I was responsible!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.87
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1 Euro	= Rs. 92.46

VOICE OF THE READER

Save us residents from canine menace

Sir,

I am writing to bring to your attention the growing concern of the canine menace in our city. Stray dogs have become a significant nuisance, posing a threat to pedestrians and disrupting the peace in localities.

These stray dogs roam the streets, biting and scaring people, making it difficult for citizens to walk safely. Moreover, at night, their collective barking disrupts the sleep of residents, causing unnecessary stress and discomfort.

Additionally, private dog owners must be held accountable for cleaning up after their pets poop. It is unacceptable that dog owners allow their pets to defecate on public roads during walks, leaving behind unsanitary conditions.

I urge the Mysuru City Corporation to take immediate action to address this issue. They must:

1. Round up stray dogs and provide them with proper shelter and care.

2. Implement measures to prevent stray dogs from entering residential areas.

3. Enforce regulations requiring private dog owners to clean up after their pets poop.

4. Provide adequate waste disposal facilities for dog waste.

It is the responsibility of the authorities to ensure public safety and maintain cleanliness in our city. I request prompt attention to this matter to alleviate the suffering of citizens.

—Brij Khandelwal
Gokulam 3rd Stage
10.8.2024

Nagarahole Tiger Reserve gets first woman Director

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (MTY&BCT)- Indian Forest Service (IFS) Officer P.A. Seema from Ponnampet in Kodagu district has made history as the first woman Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve (Project Tiger), a region renowned for its rich wildlife, including tigers and elephants.

P.A. Seema

Her appointment marks a significant milestone, as this is the first time a woman has been assigned to this prestigious role by the State Government.

Previously, Seema served as Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), Hunsur Division. Her appointment as Director was officially confirmed on Aug. 14, and she has since commenced her duties.

An IFS Officer from the 2017 batch, Seema has a distinguished career, having served as DCF in Madikeri, Mysuru, Mandya and Hunsur Divisions.

Over the past two years, she also held the additional role of DCF for the Elephant Task Force, where she gained recognition for her effective management of wild elephants that strayed into populated areas, such as Hunsur and K.R. Nagar.

The Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, straddling the Karnataka-Kerala border and spanning the Mysuru and Kodagu districts, faces significant challenges including poaching and human-wildlife conflict.

Local communities have been calling for a capable officer to address these issues and protect the interests of forest-edge villages. Seema's appointment is a response to this need.

Challenges remain, but Seema is committed to making improvements. "I have assumed the role of Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve. Drawing on my previous experience as DCF of Madikeri Wildlife Division and the Elephant Task Force, I am dedicated to addressing the challenges faced by Nagarahole and enhancing its management," she told *Star of Mysore*.

Top women officers

In the Mysuru region, the presence of female officers in key Forest Department positions has recently increased. Currently, three women hold prominent roles: **Dr. Malathi Priya is the Conservator of Forests of Mysuru Division, Deep J. Contractor is the Director of Biligiri Ranganathaswamy Tiger Reserve, and now, P.A. Seema is the Director of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve.**

Furthermore, women officers are also making significant contributions to the Department as ACFs, RFOs and DRFOs.

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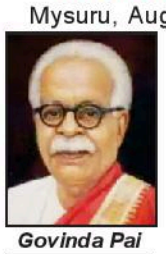
'Govinda Pai knew 50 languages'

Prof. AVN honoured with 'Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai' Award



Govinda Pai

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (GA&DM)- Former Head of the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy (AVN) was conferred with the prestigious 'Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai' Award at a programme organised under the joint aegis of Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Samshodhana Kendra and other organisations at Patrakarthara Bhavan here on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. AVN said that Govinda Pai knew more than 50 languages. It is a matter of pride for him (AVN) to receive the award named after him, he noted.

Pointing out that Pai was a scholar in many languages, Prof. Narasimhamurthy said that Pai, apart from being well-versed in Kannada, Tulu, Marathi, Konkani and other Indian languages, had mastery over Chinese, Tibetan and other foreign languages as well. Senior Writer Belagodu Ramesh Bhat, who spoke after conferring the award, said that Prof. AVN, as he is known to many, carried out intensive studies in Numismatics.

Noting that he has many useful research books on various subjects, Ramesh Bhat said that the present generation is coming to know of our past culture through the services of Prof. AVN.

Research students of history should study the works of Prof. AVN and gain more knowledge about the subject, he added.

Prof. Narasimhamurthy couple were felicitated on the occasion.

Litterateur Padekallu Vishnu Bhat, Rashtrakavi Govinda Pai Samshodhana Kendra Administrative Officer Dr. B. Jagadish Shetty, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar and others were present at the award presentation ceremony.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Art of Living

Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living presents 'Naadi Pariksha' (Pulse Diagnosis) Camp on Aug. 18 at Art of Living Ashram on Lalithadripura Road, Mysuru. For appointment and more details, contact Mob: 98861-86580.

Mass Upakarma

Brahmana Dharma Sahaya Sabha, Mysuru, has organised mass Rig Upakarma and Yajur Upakarma for Trimatastha Brahmin community people at 'Kalyana Bhavan' on Tyagaraja Road in K.R. Mohalla, Mysuru, on Aug. 19 at 6.30 am. Last date to register is Aug. 18. For details and registration, contact Ph: 0821-2446498 during office hours (9.30 am to 1 pm and 5 pm to 8 pm), according to a press release.

Hebbar Sreevaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, will be conducting Yajur Upakarma at Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram at 7.30 am on Aug. 19. For details, contact Mob: 63636-43981 or 94488-72458.

Admission to GTTC Courses

The Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC) has invited applications from eligible SSLC passed students for admission to 4-year (3 years Course + 1 year mandatory Internship) Diploma courses in Tool and Die Making, Precision Manufacturing and Electronics & Communication. The last date for applying is Aug. 31. For details, log on to the website: ***https://gttc.karnataka.gov.in*** or ***http://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea***, according to a press release. For information, contact Helpline: 155267 or Ph: 0821-2582750 or Mob: 99805-57205 or 86601-39259 or 91416-30315 or 98800-68986.

Hostel admission

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited online applications from students (boys and girls) belonging to categories 1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B and SC/ST communities and other communities for admission to Post-Matric student hostels (general graduate course students only) run by the Department across Mysuru district. The annual income of parents of students from Category-1 and SC/ST communities should not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh, while that for parents of students from Categories 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B and other Backward communities should not exceed Rs. 1 lakh. For submission of applications, log on to the website: ***https://shp.karnataka.gov.in/bcwd***, before Sept. 4. For details, log on to the website: ***bcwd.karnataka.gov.in*** or e-mail to *bcwdhelpline@gmail.com* in case of any technical glitches. For any further information, contact Mob: 80507-70004 or 80503-70005, according to a press release from the District Officer of the Department.

Suspended City Cop in CM's I-Day Medal list sparks row

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (BCT)- Whether it is oversight or negligence by the authorities, a Mysuru City Crime Branch (CCB) Head Constable, who was suspended in July this year, has been awarded the Chief Minister's Medal for 2023, given on the occasion of Independence Day.

Salim Pasha

This controversy underscores the urgent need for rigorous checks in recognising public servants, ensuring that such honours are only reserved for those who genuinely uphold integrity and service.

As part of the 78th Independence Day festivities, 126 Police officers and staff members from Karnataka were honoured with the prestigious Chief Minister's Medal for 2023 for their exemplary service. However, controversy has erupted over one awardee: Salim Pasha.

Salim Pasha was suspended a month ago amid serious misconduct allegations, including leaking sensitive documents, ties with individuals linked to criminal cases and indirect involvement in public property theft.

An internal investigation led by ACP of Vijayanagar Sub-Division revealed that Pasha had been in contact with relatives of suspects involved in theft and drug-related offences under the Metagalli and Vijayanagar Police Stations and the Call Detail Record (CDR) report even proved it. On July 12, the City Police Commissioner ordered his suspension pending a departmental inquiry.

The situation has left the Police Department embarrassed, raising questions about the integrity of the awards process. City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar declined to comment on the issue.

However, the incident has sparked sharp criticism from political leaders. BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra expressed outrage at the Government for including the name of a suspended Constable in the CM's medal list.

In a post on 'X', he highlighted that Salim Pasha, suspended on charges of colluding with criminals, aiding thefts and leaking Departmental documents — acts he deemed treasonous — was still awarded.

Vijayendra criticised the Congress Government, accusing it of turning a blind eye to certain individuals and argued that the inclusion of a suspended Police Constable in the Independence Day honours list shows a disregard for criminals, thieves and even terrorists.

BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal condemned the Government's decision, questioning what message this sends to honest, hardworking officers. "The Government owes an explanation to the people of Karnataka,' Yatnal posted on 'X.'

He demanded transparency in the criteria for selecting medal recipients and called for the immediate revocation of Pasha's award. "If medals are given to those under investigation for serious misconduct, what will happen to the morale of the Police force? The medal should be returned and the investigation against Pasha should be expedited," Yatnal said.

Land-grabber sentenced to one year in jail by Special Court

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (TRR)- The Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court, Bengaluru, has sentenced a man to one year simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 5,000 after he was found guilty of encroaching 1.24 acre of Government land in Survey No. 189 at Mugur village in T. Narasipur taluk.

The man, who was sentenced, is Mahadevappa of Kurubur village.

Based on a complaint by residents of Mugur village, that two persons Mahadevappa (Accused No. 1) and Kullappa (Accused No. 2) of Kurubur village, owners of lands in Survey No. 189 had encroached 1.24 acre of the 3.16 acres land which was cleared by the Revenue officials. But the two again encroached the same land, following which the villagers lodged a complaint to T. Narasipur Tahsildar who in turn lodged a complaint with T. Narasipur Police.

T. Narasipur Police, who registered a case, completed their investigation and filed charge-sheet against the accused under Karnataka Land Revenue Act 1964 Column 192(A) and IPC Column 447 in the Court of Senior Civil Judge, T. Narasipur and JFMC Court. Later the JMFC Court which holds partial inquiry against the accused transferred the case to Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court.

The Special Court examined all witnesses. Since accused no. 2 Kullappa is now deceased, case against him was abated. The Court then sentenced Accused No. 1 Mahadevappa to one year simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 5,000, failing which he (Accused 1) has to undergo an addition three months simple imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 500. If the convict fails to pay this fine too, he has to undergo an additional seven days imprisonment.

Judicial member of the Karnataka Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court Patila Nagalinganagouda and Revenue member K.H. Ashwath Narayanagowda sentenced the accused on July 30, 2024.

The Court had also directed the T. Narasipur Tahsildar to clear the encroachment and take over the land to Government custody and report the same to the Special Court within 60 days.

Two minors arrested for bike thefts

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (GA&VNS)- Alanahalli Police have arrested two minors who were involved in bike thefts and have recovered five motorcycles worth Rs. 2.50 lakh.

The duo was arrested when they were trying to sell the stolen motorcycles near Deve Gowda Circle on Aug. 12 at about 9 am. Later during interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of being involved in bike thefts following which the Police recovered five motorcycles — two in Alanahalli Police limits, two in Nazarbad Police limits and one from Bannur Police limits — from the accused.

Earlier, the Police had formed a special team after bike thefts were reported opposite KEB office near Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel in Alanahalli Police limits on Aug. 10.

The Police team, guided by DCP S. Jahnavi, was headed by Devaraja ACP Shanthamallappa. Alanahalli Police Inspector G.S. Swarna, PSI K.S. Gangadhar, ASI Srinivas Gowda and staff Kiran Rathod, Manjunath Gadagaigol, Mallikarjun and. R. Malathi took part in the nabbing and seizing operations.

Obituary

K.T. Hemanna

Mysuru, Aug. 17- K.T. Hemanna (66), a retired LIC officer and a resident of M.G. Koppal in the city, passed away here on Friday.

He leaves behind his wife Rathnamma, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native village Kennalu in Pandavapura taluk yesterday, according to family sources.

Kumara

Kumara (58), a resident of Siddappaji Temple Road in Gandhinagar, passed away here on Thursday following brief illness.

A former Junior Head (Chikka Yajamana) of Gandhinagar Sri Rama Mandira, he leaves behind his wife Prema, son Nikhil and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Adijambava Burial Grounds in Gandhinagar here on Thursday evening.

B.R. Padma

B.R. Padma (63), a teacher of the city's Vijaya Vittala High School, passed away here on Aug. 8.

She leaves behind a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill the same day.

Echo of Kolkata doctor rape-murder case

City doctors join nationwide stir

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (RK&VNS)- The Out Patient Department (OPD) services in various hospitals including Government owned K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Women and Children Hospital and private hospitals in the city were hit this morning, as the doctors joined the 24-hour nationwide stir called by Indian Medical Association (IMA), New Delhi, to protest against the alleged rape and murder of a Post Graduate woman trainee doctor at R.G. Kar Hospital in Kolkata recently.

Majority of diagnostic centres were also shut following decision of Mysore Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes and Diagnostic Centres (MAHAN) extending its support to the call of IMA. **However, the emergency services along with minor OT and major OT remained operative.**

Meanwhile, the stir called by Post Graduate students of Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) entered its fifth day, with junior doctors demanding slash in fee, increase in stipend, security at workplace and also demanding stringent action against those involved in Kolkata rape case.

The junior doctors of JSS Medical College also boycotted the OPD services and staged a protest in front of the hospital on M.G. Road in the city. They shouted slogans demanding justice for the victim in Kolkata case and to initiate measures to stop violence against doctors.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. H.P. Shobha said that, the OPD services will remain suspended till 6 am tomorrow (Aug. 18), adding that all other services were going on as per routine schedule.

Meanwhile, Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Community Health Centres, Taluk General Hospitals, remained unaffected, as OPD and other regular services continued as usual. However, the attendance of doctors was thin in these hospitals, as a few of them had gone on prior leave.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy clarified that, the services in taluk hospitals, community centres and PHCs were not affected by the stir as services continued as usual.

However, he informed that the Medical Officers in all taluks have been instructed to keep an eye on Government-run medical facilities to ensure non-disruption of the services.

Governor nod for CM's prosecution

Supporters hit streets in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (RK&TRR)- Following the approval of Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in 50:50 site scam at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), scores of supporters of the CM in his home town Mysuru, hit the streets protesting against the Governor's decision today.

Supporters of AHINDA (an acronym for Alphashankyataru, Hindulidavaru and Dalitaru) propagated by Siddaramaiah, led by Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum President K.S. Shivaram assembled in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust near Law Courts Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard in the city and staged a protest, to express their anger against the Governor's decision.

The protesters shouted slogans and displayed placards reading 'Go Back Governor.' They also set the portraits of Governor on fire and also burnt a used tyre, forcing the Police to intervene. The angered protesters also had a wordy duel with the Police.

Addressing the protesters, Shivaram criticised the Governor for giving his approval for CM's prosecution.

"The Governor is misusing his office and acting as a puppet of the Central Government at the behest of BJP and JD(S) coalition leaders. This is a clear case of conspiracy against the CM. The people of the State are behind Siddaramaiah, as they know that he is not guilty. If the Governor doesn't withdraw his consent to prosecute CM in MUDA scam, we will intensify our protest across the State," warned Shivaram.

Yaduveer reacts

Reacting to the Governor's nod to prosecute CM, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said that he is awaiting the next move of the Governor.

"BJP has been protesting against the alleged irregularities in Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation Ltd., and MUDA scams. With Governor giving his approval for CM's prosecution in MUDA scam, I hope an impartial probe will be carried out and the guilty will be punished. The Governor's post is Constitutional and hence he has discharged his duty as per law. BJP, as a responsible opposition party, will fight the case both politically and legally," said MP Yaduveer Wadiyar.

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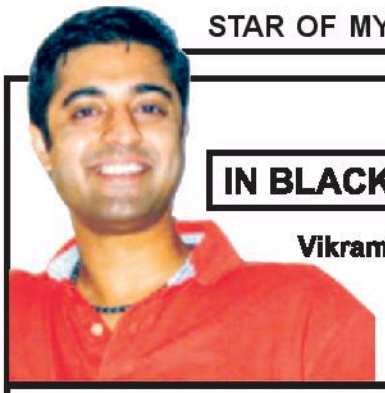

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

August 15th, now just another holiday

Seventy-seven years ago, we seized control of our destiny, forging a democratic union that endures to this day. On the surface, this seems like something to celebrate. But beneath that surface, our democracy is faltering, crippled by our obsession with money and power.

Recent political spectacles, such as the *Yatras* where Congress and BJP hurled accusations of corruption at each other, expose a harsh truth: Our leaders have become shameless, devoid of guilt and lacking in conscience.

What's most troubling is that these leaders reflect us, the people who elected them. So, are we, as a nation, truly shameless, guiltless and without conscience?

Given the leaders we've chosen, the uncomfortable answer seems to be yes.

It's easy to point fingers at politicians, bureaucrats and businessmen as the only corrupt figures in our country. But the truth is, even ordinary Indians are part of this dysfunction.

In 2012, former Chief Vigilance Commissioner Pratyush Sinha made a stark declaration: 30 percent of Indians are wholly corrupt, 50 percent teeter on the edge of dishonesty and only 20 percent strive to be honest.

This isn't a recent issue; our moral fabric has always been pliable, making us vulnerable to manipulation, bribes and betrayal. Our history is littered with examples.

The British didn't conquer India through sheer military might but through money. The Battle of Plassey, where Robert Clive secured victory by paying off Mir Jafar, Bengal's commander-in-chief, set the tone for British rule in India.

Bribery and betrayal have repeatedly shaped our history. From Aurangzeb bribing Maratha commanders to Tipu Sultan's defeat due to his sticky-fingered right-hand man, Mir Sadiq, bribery has often determined the course of India's history.

The British East India Company mastered the art of 'bribe and conquer,' and the British Raj refined it further, using religion to 'divide and conquer.'

The tragedy is that 77 years after independence, these strategies are still alive and well, now wielded by Indians against fellow Indians.

In modern India, elections are won not by ideals but by dividing people and buying their votes.

This ingrained willingness to sell our dignity brings to mind a story from colonial India, recorded in *'Reminiscences of an Indian Judge'* by Francis Lascelles.

In April 1834, Lord Macaulay was visiting Ooty. One of his palanquin-bearers promised marriage to a local woman but didn't. When it was time for Macaulay to leave, the local townspeople, angry and determined to protect the honour of their woman, confronted the travel party. They wanted the palanquin-bearer to marry her and take her along.

Macaulay, fearing violence, led the mob to the District Commanding Officer's office. After a brief discussion, the palanquin-bearer and the mob dispersed peacefully.

When asked what had transpired in the 'discussion', the leader of the mob simply replied, "Tom Macaulay Sahib was a very good gentleman… he gave us Rs. 100!" — They had sold their dignity.

Seventy-seven years after independence, what has changed? Nothing. Once upon a time we sold our honour to the white man; now we sell it to our own.

As long as we remain a characterless electorate, self-centred and easily swayed, our democracy will remain dysfunctional.

Our patriotism too has become shallow, limited to singing the anthem, humming the national song, and changing our display picture on Independence Day.

But even this patriotism is a façade, as we continue to exploit, destroy and plunder our nation.

Perhaps Independence Day shouldn't be a holiday at all. Instead, it should be a day for everyone to recite and be reminded of their fundamental duties as a citizen.

Rather than playing the national anthem in theatres, imagine if Amitabh Bachchan's booming voice recited our fundamental duties. Maybe then, the importance of these responsibilities would penetrate our corrupt minds and perhaps seep into the veins of the next generation.

For now, as our Prime Minister reminds us on a mobile call that Independence Day has become a festival, he's right. It has become a festival, but a festival like any other — enjoying the holiday but not truly celebrating its significance.

P.S.: *For those who hide behind the 'Constitution' to claim their virtue like the Congress party did recently, ask yourselves: Have you fulfilled your duties as an Indian citizen, according to that very Constitution? Here are the ten duties to reflect upon:*

1. To abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem.
2. To cherish and follow the noble ideals that inspired the national struggle for freedom.
3. To uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.
4. To defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so.
5. To promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood among all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities.
6. To value and preserve the rich heritage of the country's composite culture.
7. To protect and improve the natural environment, including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures.
8. To develop scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform.
9. To safeguard public property and to abjure violence.
10. To strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity, so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.

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MP Yaduveer Wadiyar releases MLC Vishwanath's book on Parliaments

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who released the book 'Praacheena Parliamentgala Pradakshinegalu' in city this morning, seen with (from left) Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar, author and MLC A.H. Vishwanath, senior critic Dr. Narahalli Balasubramanya, playwright Rajappa Dalwai and University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath.

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (BLU&DM)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar said he was happy to have got a book at a time when he was planning to read a book on the History of Ancient Parliaments.

He was speaking after releasing MLC A.H.Vishwanath's book 'Praacheena Parliamentgala Pradakshinegalu' at a programme organised under the joint aegis of Bengaluru's Srushti Publications, D.Devaraj Urs Pratime Pratishtapana Samiti, Mysuru, Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota Mysuru, Mysuru District Government PU College Lecturers Association and other organisations at Rani Bahadur auditorium on Hunsur road in Manasagangothri here this morning.

Pointing out that Parliament should have the voice and guidance of elders and personalities, Yaduveer said that the release of the book in Mysuru is meaningful.

"The principles of Basaveshwara's Anubhava Mantapa which was conceptualised in the 12th century, continued during the erstwhile Mysuru rulers. It must be noted that Mysuru had a 'Prajapratinidhi Sabha' for a long time", he said adding that the book is useful for everyone .

Pointing out that Democracy has replaced Monarchy with the passage of time, the MP opined that the Parliamentary system is the best form of Democracy.

The book author and MLC A.H.Vishwanath said that the erstwhile Mysuru Maharajas gave importance to Democracy in those days itself. The Maharajas administration had Prajapratinidhi Sabha which lends credence that Democracy existed even then, he added.

Pointing out that he had written a book on Greek Parliament which introduced the concept of voting 2,500 years ago, the MLC said that it is important to hear people's representatives right from the Panchayat to Parliament.

Observing that London Parliament is the Mother of all Parliaments, he said that his book on this was released by Basava Samiti in front of Basaveshwara statue in London. Arguing that it was the 12th century Social reformer Basavanna who first advocated the idea of Parliament, he said that Political literature attracts a lot of public attention these days.

Stating that writers would not tolerate books by politicians, Vishwanath said that politicians should write books on politics as they record their vast and diversified experiences.

Noting that Parliament is not just stone and mortar, he maintained that Parliament is a building where people build their lives.

He further said that Parliament is everyone's life, temple where the Constitution is the deity and a seat for our elected MPs. Maintaining that his book is valuable for Graduate and Post-graduate students, the MLC said he was open for criticism as he wants to know the wrongs in his writings.

Senior critic Dr. Narahalli Balasubramanya presided.

University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath, noted Playwright Rajappa Dalwai and others were present.

Governor gives permission

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Copies of the consent letter have been issued to other petitioners, including S.P. Pradeep Kumar from Bengaluru and Snehamayi Krishna of Mysuru.

Seven-page communication

A seven-page communication to Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh by the Governor's Secretariat on Aug. 17 stated that, based on the petitions submitted by S.P. Pradeep Kumar and T.J. Abraham and Mysuru-based Snehamayi Krishna, sanction had been given under Section 17 (A) (for investigation) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, and Section 218 (for prosecution) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the commission of the alleged offences mentioned in the petitions.

The Governor's Special Secretary R. Prabhushankar signed the letter addressed to the Chief Secretary.

CM consults legal experts

In response to the sanction for prosecution, the CM has commenced consultations with a range of legal experts. This includes his legal advisor and Virajpet MLAA.S. Ponnanna, Advocate General K. Shashi Kiran Shetty and a team of Additional Advocate Generals.

Sources informed *Star of Mysore* that given the High Court is in Session today, a writ petition challenging the Governor's decision may be filed immediately. The Government and the Chief Minister's legal team were prepared for this possibility and are currently exploring potential legal remedies for Siddaramaiah.

Cabinet meeting cancelled

In a related development, Siddaramaiah convened a special Cabinet meeting scheduled for 5 pm today at the Cabinet meeting hall on the third floor of Vidhana Soudha. A notice was issued to the Cabinet Ministers accordingly. However, the meeting was soon cancelled and rescheduled for Monday.

Additionally, the Council of Ministers, led by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, would meet the Governor later in the day today to request a reconsideration of the decision to grant permission for the Chief Minister's prosecution.

The alleged MUDA scam involves the 'fraudulent' allotment of sites to land losers. The scam emerged when the original owner of a 3.16-acre parcel of land in Kesare village petitioned the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) to reclaim their land.

This land parcel in question was transferred to CM Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law in 2005. However, the controversy around the land deepened after it came to the fore that Parvathi, the CM's wife, was allegedly allocated 14 premium sites in Mysuru in 2022 as compensation for this land under the 50:50 scheme run by MUDA.

The controversial MUDA scheme envisages allotting 50 percent of developed land to the land loser in lieu of undeveloped land acquired for forming layouts. Both the Opposition BJP and JD(S) parties protested demanding Siddaramaiah's resignation in connection with the scam by holding *Mysuru Chalo*.

MLA Srivatsa welcomes Governor's permission

'If CM Siddaramaiah had surrendered 14 sites, he might have salvaged some of his honour'

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (RK&BCT)- Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa has expressed his support for Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's decision to grant permission to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the MUDA site allotment scam. He remarked, "Sathyameva Jayathe" (truth alone triumphs).

T.S. Srivatsa

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Srivatsa, who has been opposing the alleged 'arbitrary and illegal' allocation of MUDA sites to CM's wife, described this development as a significant first-stage victory for BJP and JD(S).

"Siddaramaiah will lose the 14 sites in Vijayanagar and his Chief Minister's position, which he is desperately clinging to. He has fallen into a trap set by Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, acting on the orders of Siddaramaiah's adversaries within the Congress. Byrathi Suresh is equally corrupt and has provided misguided advice to the Chief Minister, leading to these complications," Srivatsa stated.

He further added, "Had Siddaramaiah surrendered the 14 sites as soon as the scam came to light, he might have salvaged some of his honour and his chair. By denying the scam and compelling his Cabinet Ministers to defend him despite the evident irregularities, the CM's reputation has suffered."

Srivatsa criticised the Congress and the CM's supporters for blaming the Governor, asserting, "The Governor has acted justly against corruption. Those who have misappropriated public funds must be held accountable."

BJP appoints Party in-charges for Local Body polls

Bengaluru, Aug. 17 (BLU&DM)- With the Election Commission likely to announce the schedule for local body polls (City Municipal Councils, Town Municipal Councils and Town Panchayats) shortly, the BJP has appointed top party leaders as In-charge for its organisational districts in the State.

Accordingly, BJP spokesperson Ashwathnarayan has been appointed as in-charge for Mysuru, Chamarajanagar and Hassan districts, while former MLA P. Rajiv as in-charge of Haveri, Hubballi-Dharwad, Dharwad Rural, Gadag, Ramanagar, Bengaluru Rural, Chikkaballapur and Kolar, MLA Dr. Shailendra Beldale as in-charge of Bidar, Kalaburagi City and Rural and Yadgir, former MLC Ganesh Karnik as in-charge of Kodagu, Dakshina Kannada and Udupi, MLC N. Ravikumar as in-charge for Raichur, Koppal, Ballari, Vijayanagar, Davangere, Chitradurga, Tumkur and Madhugiri MLA Mahesh Tenginakai as in-charge of Belagavi, Chikkodi, Bagalkot and Vijayapura and MLA S.N.Channabasappa as in-charge of Chikkamagalur, Shivamogga and Uttara Kannada districts.

Retired PWD Engineer passes away

Hunsur, Aug. 17- Puttarajappa (85), a retired PWD Engineer, who was residing opposite APMC in the town, passed away here early this morning.

Puttarajappa

He leaves behind a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at his farmland in Kirijaji village of the taluk this afternoon.

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Musings on Police, Laws and Judiciary

Justice Krishna Iyer

A few days back I received a *WhatsApp* video sent by one Dr. A.M. Nagesh, Member of Mysuru Open Forum (MOF). Its title *'Roar for Justice'* and it is a song most melodiously rendered but melancholic for its theme was such which could be known from the title of the song itself.

The opening lines surprisingly and eerily sync with what happened in Kolkata on Aug. 9 in RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, where a lady doctor was brutally raped and killed. The opening lines of the lyric reads: *"In the quiet of the night, a tragedy unfolds, A young healer's life, so brutally stolen cold,... Together we'll fight, we'll settle the score... Let's unite, let's rise, let's fight for her soul..."*

No doubt, this song was about the lady doctor who was raped and murdered. Now the question is about getting justice. So the roar.

Be that as it may, I am worried about the callous irresponsibility and total deficiency in the service of our criminal law-enforcing authorities, Police and our Judiciary. The strength of a chain is in its weakest link. If so, these two are the weakest links in our democratic administration of law and order and hence so much of social disturbance and injustice to the meek and the helpless.

The rich and the powerful escape from any crime with impunity. But the poor and the powerless are caught in the web of criminal and civil laws unable to get justice and suffer. Suffer in jail or reduced to penury fighting the court cases. Our country never lacked legal luminaries and some of them were giants of the Bar before and after independence. Despite this advantage those giants could not guarantee us a Police and Judiciary that would serve us well.

So also on Judicial Bench — great Judges adorned those high chair of Solomon's wisdom. But alas, the very same scholars of jurisprudence compromised when India got independence and followed the same colonial laws that were inequitable and unfair. Against natural justice. Totally in favour of the rulers, the rich and the influential.

You would get a glimpse if only you had looked at the Kolkata Jail manual, about which late Ram Jethmalani, the famous criminal lawyer and a Union Minister, had exposed long back. Even when the offence and sentence were same, the white convict would be treated differently provided with comfort while the native would suffer the jail misery.

When I was a junior advocate in early 1960s in Bengaluru, I was a witness to this inequity in the application, especially, of criminal laws. As a young idealist, I mentioned it to my senior who simply laughed at me and said, *'We are legal practitioners, not law changers.'* I kept my mouth shut.

Thank God, now in the year of our Lord 2023, 75 years after independence, as if by divine will, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has written new criminal laws for free, independent, sovereign India that is Bharat. They are:

The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA).

The new laws replaced the British-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act respectively.

I am happy, this happened during my life time. But there are other areas of an Indian's life like land, official hierarchy, education, civil laws and laws relating to places of worship (belonging to majority and minority communities) where there is much discrimination and injustice. No religion should claim special treatment by the State nor violate the State law in the name of the Holy books or Holy scriptures or a religious priest or master.

We may have changed the old, colonial order of the criminal laws, but have we changed the old order of Judiciary? **Should a civil case be fought in the First Court, Second Court, Third Court, High Court and the Highest Supreme Court for generations as is now?**

As I know it was Supreme Court Judge late Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer who first propounded the theory in pithy words, *'Bail is rule, Jail is exception'* or to that effect. Today we are seeing the Supreme Court affirming and applying the same principle. Hope in the new criminal laws, BNS, BNSS and BSA this question is addressed.

Bringing in the new criminal law by itself will not bring in the desired and needed change and efficiency for the litigants. It is possible only when the Judiciary is also reformed alongside the new criminal laws. Hope this too will happen, but may be after my life time!

This brings to my mind the evil of judicial delay and the dictum *'Justice delayed is justice denied.'* I will discuss the consequence of this delay in my next column.

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Voters list revision from Aug. 20 to Oct. 18

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (BS)- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has announced the schedule of revision of electoral roll (voters list) along with photographs, with reference to Jan. 1, 2025 as qualifying date.

Beginning from Aug. 20 to Oct. 18, 2024, the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will visit the houses and rectify the errors related to polling stations and the voter list. If required, the low quality photos will be replaced with better quality pictures, along with correcting the part numbers and roll numbers, identifying the errors by finalising the mode of execution and time schedule.

During the processes preceding the updating of voter list, all BLOs in the State will go on door-to-door verification. The public may opt for any of the services related to claims and objections, requesting for corrections, enrolment of name, removal of names of the dead and transferred voters and inclusion of names of new voters, who will be turning 18 years on the forthcoming qualifying date, according to the Office of Chief Electoral Officer.

While submitting Forms 6 and 8, the public can voluntarily submit their Aadhaar card numbers. The public can directly submit their applications through Voter Helpline Application, on their mobile phone for election related services.

From Oct. 19 to 28, 2024, Forms 1 and 8 will be prepared and the complete draft list will be readied with reference to qualifying date of Jan. 1, 2025.

From Oct.29, 2024, the complete draft voter list will be announced and the public can file their claims and objections if any related to errors, between Oct. 29 and Nov. 28, 2024. During the period of claims and objections, the schedule of special drives on Saturdays and Sundays, drafted by Chief Electoral Officer will be announced soon.

The queries related to claims and objections shall be disposed by Dec. 24, 2024, followed by verifying the quality of electoral roll, seeking approval of Election Commission of India for final publication of the list, updating the software and publication of supplementary list by Jan. 1, 2025. The final voter list will be announced on Jan. 6, 2025, added the Chief Electoral Officer.

MCC polls: EC directs to prepare Ward-wise electoral rolls

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (SBD&DM)- With the polls to the 65-member Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) round the corner, the Election Commission (EC) has directed the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner to prepare Ward-wise electoral rolls.

In a notification issued in this regard, the EC has set the time schedule for ward-wise voter list preparation, as per which the voters in every ward should be identified from Aug. 19 to 24.

The from and to matrix should be prepared from Aug. 25 to 31 and sent to the printers. The first check list of voters must be prepared from Sept. 1 to 4, following which ward-wise voters list must be reviewed and names be included in the electoral rolls along with any changes.

Draft voters list must be published on Sept. 17. Objections, if any, must be received till Sept. 24 and should be disposed of by Sept. 30. The final check list must be prepared by Oct. 6 and the final electoral rolls along with the photograph of voters must be published on Oct.9. This apart, the service voters list must also be published along with it.

The notification further said that the voters must be accurately included in their respective ward electoral rolls, leaving no scope for any discrepancies such as duplication of names. In case, names of more than 1,400 voters are found in a booth, then such voter list must be divided and steps must be taken for establishment of auxiliary booths after obtaining the consent of EC.

The MCC Commissioner should prepare the final electoral rolls and authenticate it, the notification said.

Chamundi Road Race on Aug. 25

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (VNS) - Palace Sports Club will be organising its 11th edition of Chamundi Run, a road race for boys and girls studying in higher primary and high schools in Mysuru district on Aug. 25 at 7 am. The race will be flagged off from Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle in Ramakrishnanagar.

The competition will be held in two categories: 2 km run for higher primary boys and girls and 4 km run for high school boys and girls. The organisers have also announced cash prize for winners of first three places along with trophies and seven consolation prizes. Last date for registration is Aug. 22.

For details, contact Prakash on Mob: 94483-06311 or K.V. Raghavendra on Mob: 91649-97757 or Mob: 98453-04979.

Bhuvan Raju guides Blasters to victory over Warriors

Bengaluru, Aug. 17- Bhuvan Raju's explosive half-century powered Bengaluru Blasters to a thrilling victory over Mysore Warriors, securing their second consecutive win in the KSCA Maharaja Trophy T20 Tournament being held at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here yesterday.

In a match reduced to 18 overs, Bengaluru chased down a challenging target of 183. Raju's 51 off just 24 balls set the tone for the chase. Bengaluru's M.G. Naveen (4/25) spell was pivotal in keeping Mysore Warriors' total within reach despite strong performances from Manoj Bhandage (58 not out) and Harshil Dhamani (50).

Bengaluru Blasters lost Mayank Agarwal (1) early to C.A. Karthik, but Bhuvan Raju blitzed four sixes, three of which came against J. Suchith while L.R. Chethan (33) cleared the ropes twice to amass 54 runs in the first six overs. The assault did not stop as Bhuvan Raju went on to strike two sixes of Dhanush Gowda in the eighth over and eventually registered the quickest half century of the season, reaching the landmark in just 23 balls before he was run out.

C.A. Karthik returned to the attack and scalped L.R. Chethan in the 10th over. The incoming batsman, Suraj Ahuja (39) clobbered two sixes and a four in the very same over to place Bengaluru in the driver's seat at 112/2. Suraj Ahuja powered Bengaluru forward, hitting two more sixes before his 18-ball knock was derailed by Gautam Mishra.

With five overs remaining, Bengaluru needed 43 runs, Shubhang Hedge (27 not out) remained unbeaten to help them complete a commanding victory.

BRIEF SCORES

Mysore Warriors: 182/6 in 18 overs (Manoj Bhandage 58 not out, Harshil Dhamani 50, C.A. Karthik 27, M.G. Naveen 4/25, Aditya Goyal 1/47) lost to **Bengaluru Blasters:** 183/6 in 17.1 overs (Bhuvan Raju 51, Suraj Ahuja 39, L.R. Chethan 33, Vidhyadhar Patil 2/32, C.A. Karthik 2/37).

TODAY'S MATCHES (AUG. 17)

- **NAMMA SHIVAMOGGA** VS **MANGALURU DRAGONS** 3 PM
- **GULBARGA MYSTICS** VS **HUBLI TIGERS** 7 PM

Venue: **M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru**

Catch the live action on **Star Sports Kannada, Star Sports 2;** *Live streaming on* **FANCODE**

F.K. Irani Memorial Golf Championship teed off

Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club (Mysore Sports Club) President M.C. Mallikarjun teeing off the 35th Edition of F.K. Irani Memorial Championship-2024 at Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC) in city this morning. JWGC President Dr. Abraham Thomas, Captain M.S. Yeshwanth, Hon. Treasurer R.S. Nitish, JWGC Committee Members Vinay Natarajan & H.C Subramanya, Mysore Sports Club Hon. Secretary D. Vishwanath and others were present.

Dasara 2024: District Minister chairs Executive Committee meeting in city

- 19 Dasara Sub-Committees to be constituted
- 21-day illumination of city
- Yuva Dasara, Yuva Sambhrama to have novel attractions
- Rs. 1.5 crore for Srirangapatna Dasara
- Rs. 2 crore for Chamarajanagar Dasara

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (BLU&BS)- With farmers rejoicing over the bounty of rain being received in the last three months, *Nada Habba* Mysuru Dasara will be celebrated with grandeur, spending Rs. 40 crore on the festivities.

This was reiterated by Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, at the press conference, following the meeting of Dasara Executive Committee, held at the new Deputy Commissioner's office in Siddarthanagar here yesterday.

With lakhs of tourists from across the country and abroad, descending on the city to soak in Dasara celebrations, the pothole riddled roads will be asphalted and a Task Force will be constituted to supervise the works, added Dr. Mahadevappa.

Kannada and Culture Department will be providing a grant of Rs. 15 crore towards the celebrations, followed by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) - Rs. 10 crore and Mysore Palace Board - Rs. 5 crore, said Dr. Mahadevappa.

Air Show

District Minister Dr. Mahadevappa said, a letter would be written to Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to organise Dasara Air Show. Besides, a letter would also be written to Union Civil Aviation Minister, to increase the number of flights operated from Mysore Airport in Mandakalli, which is presently operating two flights.

Food Mela

Food Mela will be organised at Scouts and Guides Grounds behind old Deputy Commissioner's office and Lalitha Mahal Grounds on T. Narasipur Road in city.

Tableaux on Govt's achievements

The tableaux shall reflect the achievements of the State Government that completed one year in office in May this year. Along with this, the five Guarantee Schemes of the Government shall also be highlighted, with the officials instructed in this regard, said District Minister Dr. Mahadevappa.

Without giving room for any confusions and maintaining transparency, the Dasara events like Chinnara Dasara, Mahila Dasara and Raitha Dasara will be organised in a meaningful manner. The programmes that promote patriotic spirit and integrity in diversity, will also be organised, said Dr. Mahadevappa.

Mahisha Dasara

Dr. Mahadevappa also clarified that, the decision over granting permission to a section of progressive thinkers for celebrating Mahisha Dasara in front of Mahishasura statue atop Chamundi Hill, will be taken by the District Administration after examining the situation preceding the event.

"The decision whether to organise or not organise Mahisha Dasara is not mine. However, it is the right of any individual as envisaged in the Constitution to organise or not organise any event," Dr. Mahadevappa clarified further.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda, K.R. Nagar MLA D. Ravishankar, H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu, Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar and Zilla Panchayat Chief Executive Officer (CEO) K.M. Gayathri were present.

Gajapayana: Preparations on near Veeranahosahalli gate

Mysuru, Aug. 17 (MTY&BS)- Preparations have begun for organising Gajapayana, the march of first batch of Dasara elephants from Veeranahosahalli gate at the entrance of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve forest in Hunsur taluk to Mysuru, on Aug. 21.

Forest officials led by I.B. Prabhu Gowda, DCF (Wildlife Division), Mysuru, inspected Veeranahosahalli gate to initiate arrangements for Gajapayana, a prelude to Dasara festivities, yesterday.

Like in the previous years, the first batch of Dasara elephants, led by howdah carrier Abhimanyu, will be welcomed with a customary puja. It will be followed by a stage programme organised near Tribal Ashram School. In all, about 4,000 people including those from neighbouring four villages and tribal hamlets are expected to take part in the event.

DCF Prabhu Gowda said, preparations are being made for Gajapayana, with instructions issued to erect welcome arch at the entrance of Veeranahosahalli, building the dais, followed by parking arrangements and food arrangements for the participants. Apart from the cultural programmes organised on the dais, about seven to eight cultural troupes belonging to local artistes will be performing during the launch of Gajapayana.

RFO (Mysuru Wildlife Division) Santhosh Hoogar, RFO (Veeranahosahalli) Abhishek and other Officers will be present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gadabout

Pronunciation: GAD-uh-bout (Noun)
Meaning: A gadabout is a person who flits about in social activity, as by going to many places and social events for pleasure.
Origin: If you had to pick an insect most closely related to a gadabout, you might wryly guess the "social butterfly." But there's another bug that's commonly heard buzzing around discussions of the gadabout: the gadfly. Gadfly is a term used for any of a number of winged pests (such as horseflies) that bite or annoy livestock. But, although a gadabout's gossip can bite, gadfly doesn't have any clear etymological relation to gadabout. This word, which comes from the English phrase "gad about," traces back to the Middle English verb gadden, meaning "to be on the go without a specific aim or purpose." That word's source hasn't left a trail.
Example: "The wild career of David Johansen—New York Dolls frontman, punk gadabout, occasional actor, and Buster Poindexter portrayer—will be the focus of an upcoming documentary co-directed by Martin Scorsese." —Daniel Kreps, Rolling Stone, 16 Mar. 2023.

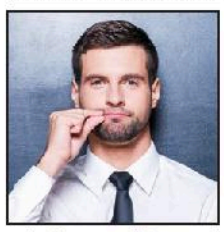
THE ODD WORD

Sirimiri

A light rain, a fine drizzle.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Mum's the Word



Meaning: The phrase 'Mum's the Word' is used when you mean to keep quiet or say nothing.
Origin: The 'mum' in the expression 'Mum's the word' is derived from the humming sound a closed mouth makes, indicating an inability or unwillingness to speak. The word 'mum' was first used by William Langland in his 1376 work Piers Plowman, and the expression itself became popular in the 16th century. You'll find it in Shakespeare's Henry VI, Part 2: "Seal up your lips and give no words but mum."
Example: "Please don't tell Mom what I'm getting her for her birthday." Answer: "Mum's the word!"

QUOTE BOX

Happiness is a direction, not a place. **—Sydney J. Harris**

RIDDLE THIS

Forward, I am heavy; backward, I am not. What am I?

Answer: Ton.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 A quick swim
4 Satellite Landing Sys.
7 Ballot
11 French island
12 Electronic Industries Assoc.
13 Girl's name
14 Related a story; told facts about
17 Gambling town
18 As a precaution? (4,2,4)
20 Astounds or stupefies
22 Gas used in advertising ?
23 Of or belonging to us
24 Carbonated beverages
27 Sound system
31 Leading commodity
33 Customary
34 A type of cereal grass
35 Egyptian goddess
37 Thin strands
39 Philanthropic
42 One of the singing voices
43 Annoy
46 Eastern teacher
47 Modern prefix
48 Haul
49 Metal-bearing minerals
50 Sea-eagle variant
51 Equal opportunity employer abbr

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

B	O	S	C	■	S	H	O	E	■	E	M	T
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H	U	R	L	■	A	A	H	■	T	I	R	E
R	I	G	■	■	C	L	E	A	R	C	U	T
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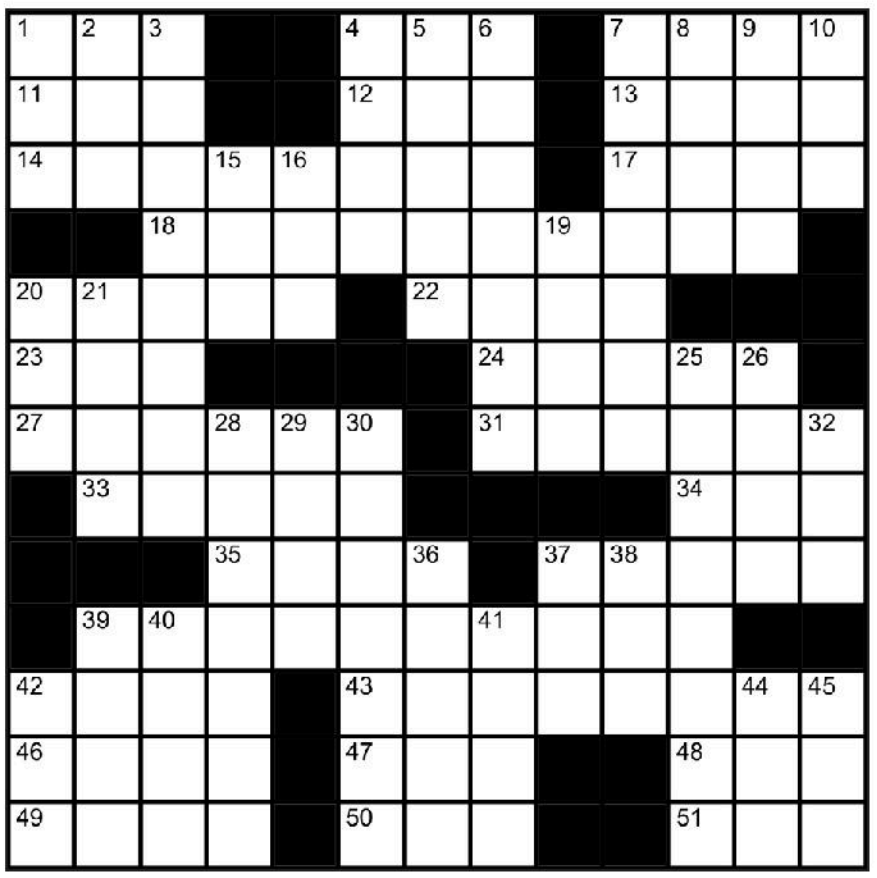
DOWN

1 Clamour
2 ___ Arun : playback singer?
3 Lies under oath
4 The badger's home is called this
5 __ __ ruins : be overthrown or fallen? (3,2)
6 Sorrow or unhappiness
7 Gallery
8 Singles
9 Fork part
10 Old name for Tokyo
15 Hurry busily from one place to another
16 Foolish animal?
19 Marsh hen or duck
20 Distress signal
21 Ballet dancer's skirt
25 One who abandons beliefs
26 Smack
28 Calamitous
29 To free from pain
30 Green mineral that is a source of magnesium
32 Aliens?
36 More sensitive
37 3rd century Chinese dynasty
38 Indian National Theatre, in short
39 Make indistinct
40 "To be" in Paris?
41 Author Hubbard (1,3)
42 Have _ __ at : essay or attempt? (1,2)
44 Additionally
45 Female sheep



SUDOKU

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		1	3					5
	8					6	9	
	1				6		7	
		3				8		
	5		1				2	
	2	9					8	
7					1	9		
4			6					

Answer to previous puzzle

9	5	1	2	7	4	3	6	8
4	8	3	1	6	5	2	7	9
6	2	7	8	3	9	4	1	5
2	6	5	9	4	3	7	8	1
7	4	8	6	1	2	9	5	3
1	3	9	5	8	7	6	2	4
3	7	6	4	5	8	1	9	2
5	9	4	7	2	1	8	3	6
8	1	2	3	9	6	5	4	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PFACA OR YNPFOYB LNCA QCOBFPQVS

PFKY OBYNCKYUA OY KUPONY.

TODAY'S CLUE: B EQUALS G

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: A child becomes an adult when he realizes that he has a right not only to be right but also to be wrong.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

Prabha Theatre **Mob: 98454-14691**
Double iSmart (K) - 4 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre **Mob: 99008-20093**
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre **Ph: 2420885**
Gowri (K) 2 Shows *Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)* 2 shows

Balaji Theatre **Mob: 9886325207**
Vedaa (H) - 4 Shows

Gayathri Theatre **Ph: 2443568**
Bheema (K) - 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre **Ph: 2520494**
Bheema (K) - 4 Shows

Thibbadevi Theatre **Ph: 2452958**
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H) - 4 Shows

Padma Theatre **Ph: 2521923**
Double iSmart (Te) - 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre **Ph: 2423554**
Thangalaan (Ta) - 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre **Ph: 2422871**
Raayan (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Deadpool & Wolverine (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.55 am, 1.35 pm, 4.20 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-1)	7 pm
Bheema (K)	(S-1)	10.10 pm
	(S-2)	12.55 pm, 4.05 pm
	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
		7 pm, 10 pm
Mr. Bachchan (Te)	(S-2)	7 pm, 10 pm
It Ends With Us (E)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm, 7 pm
Stree 2 (H)	(S-3)	9.55 pm

MVC MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	(S-1)	8.05 am (S-2) 10 am
	(S-3)	6.55 pm (S-4) 1 pm
Bheema (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	(S-1)	1.25 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 pm
Gowri (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
Nunakkuzhi (Ma)	(S-1)	7 pm
Raghu Thatha (Ta)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	(S-2)	9.45 pm
	(S-3)	10 am, 1 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Vedaa (H)	(S-3)	6.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 6.45 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Mr. Bachchan - The Only Hope (Te)	:	12.10 pm
Vedaa (H)	:	12.15 pm, 6.20 pm
Gowri (K)	:	12.30 pm, 6.35 pm
Bheema (K)	:	12.35 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 6.45 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	1 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	3.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	:	3.30 pm
Double iSmart (H)	:	10.10 pm
It Ends with Us (E)	:	3.40 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	3.45 pm, 10. 20 pm
Nunakkuzhi (Ma)	:	4 pm
Demonte Colony 2 - Vengeance Of The Unholy (Ta)	:	9.45 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Gowri (K)	:	12.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	12.15 pm, 3.25 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	12.30 pm, 7.05 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	:	12.55 pm, 10 pm
Mr. Bachchan - The Only Hope (Te)	:	3.25 pm
Bheema (K)	:	3.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Vedaa (H)	:	4.15 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	7.25 pm

INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob: 7829999465

Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	12.40 pm, 7.10 pm
Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Mr. Bachchan - The Only Hope (Te)	:	12.50 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	:	3.40 pm
Bheema (K)	:	4 pm, 10.30 pm
Gowri (K)	:	4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Vedaa (H)	:	7 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	7.05 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Khel Khel Mein (H)	:	10.10 am, 7.05 pm
Bheema (K)	:	12.30 pm, 7 pm
Thangalaan (Ta)	:	12.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Stree 2: Sarkate Ka Aatank (H)	:	1 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.20 pm, 10. 30 pm
Gowri (K)	:	1.05 pm, 7.30 pm
Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi (K)	:	3.40 pm
Vedaa (H)	:	3.55 pm, 10 pm
Double iSmart (Te)	:	4.10 pm, 10. 20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (AUG. 17)

Mysuru Book Clubs-2015: Talk by Dr. Ali Khwaja, Chairman and Founder, Banjara Academy, Bengaluru, Unbound Escape Room, No. 2784, 9th Cross, Kalidasa Road, **4.30 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling by Shravani Girish, B.Com student, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**

Basava Bharata Pratishtana: Lecture on 'Karnataka Samskruthika Nayaka Basavanna' by Sri Shivabudhi, Sri Gurumalleshwara Pattada Mutt, Hallare, **5 pm.**

Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit and Kadali Mahila Vedike, Mysuru: 'Vachana-Shravana: Mane Manege Shravana Masada Sharana Sandesha,' lecture by Dr. K.E. Govindegowda (Professor, Maharani's College), residence of M. Siddamallappa, No. 264, Nisraga Nilaya, Tyaga Marga, Siddartha Layout, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Vocal concert by Vid. Vikram P. Ramh, Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. H.L. Shivashankara Swamy on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram: Swami Muktidanandaji speaks on 'Essentials of Spiritual Life' in English, Swami Shambhavanandaji auditorium, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mysuru-Bengaluru: 133rd Cultural Outreach and monthly music programme, *Amrithadhare*, vocal recital by Rameshchandra and Rashmi Chikmagaluru, Raghunatha on tabla, Nagalingu on keyboard and Gurudath Hunsur on rythm pad, BVB premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi and Raasavrunda School of Dance: Nartana Namana — Release of book 'Nartanada Madhura Bhaktiya Margadalli Geetagovinda' in memory of Dr. K. Rama Shastry, authored by Vidu. Nandini Eswer, release by Vidwan Viraraghavacharya Swami, Founder-Chairman of Sri Vishvamangala Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Kshetram, Belagola, renowned dance guru Dr. Kripa Phadke guest of honour, dance performance by artistes of Raasavrunda—Chinmayee Bharadwaj, M.S. Nityashree, Rohitha Eswer, M.A. Anisha, L. Kundanika, M. Keerthana and G. Pratiksha, Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Samskruta Bharati, Mysuru: Samskruta Saptaha - Lecture Series, Dr. Surya Hebbar delivers talk, Bhagini Seva Samaja, Vidyodaya, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram: 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Staging of English play *Stifled* (Untitled-1), scripted by Annie Zaidi, Directed by Nima Manjrekar, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

Suttur Mutt, Mysuru: Shravana Masa Pujanushtana and Discourse Series, special puja, morning; Mass prayer, **6 pm;** Dr. B.V. Vasanthkumar, delivers discourse on 'Shivatatva Chintamani,' written by Lakkanna Dandesha; Vaachana by Vidushi Vasantha Venkatesh, Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUG. 18)

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram: 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, **6.30 pm.**

Anugraha Prakashana: Releasing of Prakash Raj's novel Saaraa,' Heritage House, Saraswathipuram, **10 am.**

Sri Mata Janapada Charitable Trust: Inauguration and cultural programmes, Prof. Veeranagowda Merigowda, Lecturer, Jagadguru Thontadarya Marada Chennaiah ITI College, Shirola, Gadag, inaugurates, Maddigere Gopal, President, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, presides, Gajanana Bhat, ex-Serviceman, Indian Navy, Mysuru and others chief guest, Town Hall, **10 am.**

Mysuru District Swimming Association (MDSA): State-level Non-Medallist Swimming Competition, MLA K. Harishgowa inaugurates, MDSA President Arjun Ranga presides, Saraswathipuram Swimming Pool, **10 am.**

Mysore Open Forum: Talk on 'Responsible AI in times of Generative AI' by Dr. Carolyn Watters, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Computer Science, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada, Kalpa Kshetra, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1s Phase, **10.30 am.**

Basava Bharata Pratishtana: Lecture on 'Basava Dharma Pracharadalli Matadhishara Paatra' by Dr. Mate Basavanjali Devi and '12ne Shatamanadalli Sharaneyara Patra' by Sharada Shivalingaswamy, Basava Janana Mandira, Muneshwaranagar, **11 am to 1.30 pm.**

Simon Exhibitors: 'Karnataka Sambhrama-50' Mega Consumer Expo, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **4 pm to 9.30 pm.**

Nrityagiri Performing Arts and Research Centre, Mysuru: Ekavyakti Tala-Maddale 'Prakshubda Radheya' by Diwakara Hegde, **5 pm;** Bharatanatyam performance by Spoorthi S. Rao, disciple of Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke, Danseuse Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and Vijaya Vittala Composite PU College Principal Sathya Prasad chief guests, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**

Nruthyathi Kalaashaale: Inauguration of 5th Annual Festival 'Samaagama' by renowned Bharatanatyam Artiste Vid. K. Sandesh Bhargav, Natyacharya K. Ramamurthy Rao chief guest, Ganabharathi's Ramabai Govindarao Auditorium, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram: Swami Yukteshanandaji speaks on 'Srimate Saradadevi' in Kannada, Swami Shambhavanandaji auditorium, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Dr. K.V. Manohar Memorial Concert - Karnatak Classical Veena Concert by Vidu. Shubha Santhosh, accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Kaushik on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

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